Looking at "Prosperous China" from the perspective of "May Fourth" - Temple of Literature - World Wide Blog - World Wide Reader Network (Computer Version)

After the fall of the Manchu Qing Dynasty, China was dissatisfied with the feudal traditions and culture that were out of place with the world. Young Chinese, especially the elites in the cultural world, were inspired by the concept of modern Christian civilization, launched the "May Fourth Movement" in 1919. The location is mainly in Beijing, but it affects all major cities. Although a hundred years have passed, the footprints of May Fourth are still familiar to the current Chinese world; and "Prosperous China" is a popular label slogan in the mainland today, which is not only popular in the simplified Chinese circle, but also occasionally appears in the context of international media. Many people are immersed in the joy of prosperity, but in the face of the fierce and turbulent internal and external environment, anxiety, sadness and fear permeate the whole mainland and overseas Chinese society. With the arrival of the "May Fourth" every year, generations of young people are gradually getting old. The real relationship between "May Fourth" and everyone is often a lingering nightmare, which is difficult to let go.

So after a hundred years, have the slogans of the "May Fourth Spirit" pursued by the elite of Chinese intellectuals, such as humanity, freedom, democracy, science and new culture, really come true? Or is it stagnant or even more regressing? Does "Prosperous China" already exist? Does it benefit from the rise of the May Fourth Movement and have a direct

causal relationship with the rise of a specific party? Like me, many people have many contradictory questions because they do not agree with the flawed propaganda of the official media.

From a realistic point of view, the spirit pursued by young intellectuals on May Fourth has not been truly reflected. The "prosperity" can only be the growth or improvement of the material level at most, and the sinking of social morality and humanistic spirit is no less than that of a hundred years ago. There are fewer and fewer people who have independent ideas and are willing to express themselves than a hundred years ago. The "May Fourth Spirit" was distorted and fragmented, and replaced by the party's crooked theory, resulting in the proliferation of slave culture. As a veteran, reflecting on the detours in the heart and comparing it with the evolution of the real world, it should be a topic worth recalling or thinking about on the eve of the "Youth Day".

On the surface, at the end of the First World War, there were many battles in China. Especially the struggle between the forces of the Beijing government, which is controlled by the warlords of Anhui, and the forces of the Japanese Empire, which want to interfere with China's dominance. The purpose and nature of the "May Fourth Movement" are far from a simple description of the simple anti-Japanese, anti-imperialist, anti-feudal and anti-Anhui military government. Later, these exciting slogans were used by many people, giving rise to or strengthening many parties, including the Communist Party of China and various Christian groups.

The "May Fourth" movement has greatly catalyzed the anti-traditional trend of Chinese society, which is called a cultural and spiritual revolution. Dewey commented in 1921: "There seems to be no country in the world like China where students pursue modern and new ideas so consistently and enthusiastically, especially about social and economic ideas. At the same time, it is rare to see a country like China. Some debates that could have been used to maintain the established order and

the status quo are not valued at all. In fact, they are not used for defense at all.

The late author of "History of the May Fourth Movement: The Intellectual Revolution of Modern China" (Harvard Press in 1960) and a professor at the University of Wisconsin in the United States, Zhou Cezong has already given a more direct answer: "The May Fourth Movement is a living history, because its spirit is still alive, and its goals have not been fully achieved, and Younger people volunteer to promote it. Freedom, democracy, humanity and science are all undertakings that will never end. Zhou's treatises were on both sides of the Strait and were long regarded as forbidden books. At that time, Hu Shi also said, "The new cultural movement advocated by Peking University in the sixth and seventh years of the Republic of China, no matter how formed, is, but only the meaning is the emancipation of thought and personal liberation." Mao Dun said, "People's vision, that is, the development of personality, that is, individualism, has become the main goal of the New Literature Movement during the May Fourth Period." Qin Hui said that democracy and republicanism had become a big trend before the new cultural movement, and personal freedom was formed a big tide because of the new cultural movement. In this sense, it is more accurate to say that May Fourth advocates "freedom" - "freedom" in the sense of "personal freedom" - rather than advocating democracy on May Fourth.

The May Fourth Movement gave rise to the spread of foreign Christian, nationalism, socialism, communism and other trends in China. Various Christian sects then developed rapidly and spread to all urban and rural areas. There are different opinions on the understanding and evaluation of the May Fourth Movement. Zhou Cezong "roughly distinguishes between the three positions of liberals, Kuomintang and Communist Party, each of which has different views and historical changes. Generally speaking, liberals affirm the New Cultural Movement and the May Fourth Movement itself, but deny the political and revolutionary wave triggered

by the May Fourth Movement, believing that it hinders the in-depth development of the New Cultural Movement; on the Chinese Kuomintang, Sun Yat-sen and Chiang Kai-shek both advocated traditional culture and denied the New Cultural Movement. Sun Yat-sen affirmed the May Fourth Movement. , Chiang Kai-shek's attitude towards the May Fourth Movement was very subtle. He overtly praised him, emphasized his national sentiment, did not talk about its anti-traditional side, and secretly tried to alienate him from them. The Communist Party affirmed both. From Chen Duxiu to Mao Zedong, the evaluation of the May Fourth Movement was greatly improved. Mao Zedong believed that the May Fourth Movement was a thorough anti-imperialist and anti-feudal movement. The Cultural Revolution was promoted to a new stage, and a new democracy was opened. The proletariat began to participate and became the leader since then.

It is worth noting that the above-mentioned diversified discourses are not only not mainstream, but also few of them have been blocked in the Internet or publications in mainland China today. Many people may not expect that in the late period of Mao's rule, the evaluation of May Fourth still included the description of "smashing the Kong family's store" and opposing feudal etiquette, which was a big event. Although it conflicted with Mao's rule at that time, in the early and late Cultural Revolution, it also launched a national movement to break the four old, criticize the forest and criticize the Kongs. However, after Mao, the Communist Party of China became "pragmatic", retreating from Mao's evaluation to a position close to Jiang, and emphasized the direct linear relationship between May Fourth and the Communist Party of China.

At present, most Chinese people's understanding of May Fourth has been unified and solidified, or thoroughly brainwashed by the Party's preaching, so that they do not understand the true meaning of the "May Fourth Spirit" at all, and the truth of the movement in those years has been distorted or misled, which is already an obvious propaganda model.

Therefore, "smashing Kong's store" has become one of the topics to avoid. Under the official brainwashing, it seems that the only motive and reason for the May Fourth Party of China is the Party of China, and provides a false theory for the legitimacy of the latter's rule. The current double shackles of feudal culture and Marxism-Leninism have completely tied up the Chinese people. The freedom ideal of May Fourth was completely abandoned, resulting in the mainland becoming one of the few isolated islands in the world abandoned by civilization.

Commemorating the "May Fourth" has to be linked with today's "prosperous" reality. Stay away from the temptation of climbing on the golden top of the Forbidden City to see the world, and firmly stand in every corner of the world to look at the "revolution" a hundred years ago, so as to erase the haze in front of us and let the sunshine of civilization shine again on today's young generation of China. Seeing through the essence of the May Fourth Movement and returning to the connotation of the "revolutionary spirit" of May Fourth can help to understand the current domestic and foreign difficulties and the future evolution of the situation.

The downfall of Kong Jiadian in the May Fourth Period refers to Confucian culture. Its material table is the Confucius Temple or Temple of Literature all over the continent. In the past two decades, these temples have re-launched the term "Chinese Studies". The fashion is getting hotter and hotter, and the emerging masters of Chinese Studies have been rampant. The appearance of the term "Chinese Studies" in those years was just a rebound from the boom of Western learning and Eastern Studies before the May Fourth Movement, but it was soon forgotten. In fact, few people can clearly explain the connotation of today's proliferation of "Chinese studies". Its essence and category are ethereal, and in fact it is extremely empty. As Chinese bloggers, most of them can't escape the shackles of the ideas of Wenmiao Confucius, but many people will still be confused by "Chinese Studies". Can the so-called "Chinese Studies" be equal with

Confucian culture?

Some people have pointed out that modern "Chinese Studies" is the study of the culture of "kneeling", including the object of kneeling, timing, posture and attitude, etc. I can't completely agree, but I have to admit that kneeling is the central point of the current proliferation of "Chinese Studies", and it is also a topic that many people avoid talking about. On the opposite side of Mao Zedong, today's Communist Party of China appreciates the Confucian culture of "junjun, minister, father, son and son", but the way of Confucius and Meng did not satisfy its appetite. Therefore, the essence of contemporary "Chinese Studies" is to promote Shang Yang's so-called "five skills of controlling the people" (weak people, poor people, tired people, humiliating people, and foolish people). The integration of these historical dross and Marxism-Leninism is the mainstream culture of the mainland. They wear the cloak of traditional culture and Confucianism and carry out Marxism-Leninist dictatorship. Socialism is an equal on the surface, but in fact it is a terrorist totalist system that strangles and serves a few interest groups.

This article does not deny the value of all traditional culture. How to identify and inherit truly excellent cultural heritage is another topic for the May Fourth Movement. I will not discuss it here.

In addition to "Chinese studies", online literature has been rising in the mainland for more than 20 years, and the speed of its flourishing is also amazing. It is said that there are already millions or tens of millions of writers or writers, who seem to have a spiritual culture "prosperity". However, the things that can be popular in the mainland have basically been strictly regulated and controlled, especially after 2012. During the screening process, there are many text prisons, and there are few leaks. The truly valuable excellent cultural heritage has been eliminated, but the remaining sauce jars or shoe-shining culture is popular.

Literature is the spark of the development of human civilization, and the

course of Chinese history is no exception, leaving behind many valuable cultural heritages. But today, most of the words in China are full of flattery, lies, or the flow of guiding utilitarian and market behavior. Free expression of will without objectivity, logic, criticism and independence, deliberately avoiding social contradictions, staying away from major problems of the system, creating false positive energy, and blindly catering to the illusory way of narrative has become the goal of some young people. It is an indisputable fact that the profound, reflective, inspiring, critical and pluralistic characteristics of literature are being replaced by a unified kneeling culture or shoe-shining culture.

It is true that the driving force of kneeling culture is caused by the harsh living environment. PEN America announced the 2024 Freedom of Speech Index on April 24, and China once again topped the "country with the most imprisoned writers in the world", occupying the top position for the sixth consecutive year. These phenomena are a complete rebellion against the "May Fourth Spirit". The "main goal of the New Literature Movement in the May Fourth Period" is not seen in the kneeling culture, that is, the expression of human freedom. After the "May Fourth" in 1919, the party nature gradually replaced the human nature, and the Kuomintang and the Communist Party of China were in the same vein. The addition of Marxism-Leninenin after 1949 gradually erased the space for freedom. In the "prosperous era" claimed in recent years, the anti-human party nature has actually reached its peak. The bad impact is bound to be reflected in all areas of national politics and people's life. This is really the sadness of a country!

Here we have to look back on the global pandemic in the past and the democratic anti-ri-riolence movement in Hong Kong before the plague. And these two shocking events are completely related to the history of Beijing and the Forbidden City. Judging from more than a hundred years of history, the May Fourth Movement has not let the mainland get out of the curse of history. Instead, it has been in turmoil and has an increasing

trend. Like the May Fourth Movement and the June Fourth Movement in 1989, the slogans and demands of young students are basically similar. These "new cultural movements" in the new era also pursue the liberation of freedom and individuality. One of the evils of human beings is that they always think that power can destroy what is in the bones of others. What is shocking is that the basic demands of these people were all cruelly suppressed by the self-called May Fourth Movement disciples and grandchildren, but they ushered in the great plague of the century and the subsequent economic reversal and the reversal of the national movement.

Factors such as the chaos of values, slave thinking and lack of independent thinking and critical ability have disturbed and polluted the soil, giving birth to the outbreak of the great plague, the shifting of blame and all kinds of subsequent traceability and refutation movements. Of course, the root is the consequences of the system. There are many examples that can verify the multiple poisoning effect of feudal culture and Marxism-Leninist-socialist sauce culture: passing down from generation to generation, directly harming all aspects of society.

For example, the emergence of a special human species group of "Chinese Auntie" has been famous at home and abroad and has been recorded in the encyclopedia. Another feature that matches it in many aspects is the pink "Mart-Leninist Old Mass" in the wall. However, in Chinese communities such as Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and New China, such people are very rare. Understanding or tracking the emergence and evolution of this group that lacks freedom, the rule of law and equality consciousness, it is not difficult to find that they are the generation, two or three generations who have lost the "May Fourth Spirit". There is no independent personality, no logical thinking ability, only a tampered brain structure, under the pressure of being deprived of freedom, extremely low-eyed and worship power. But they are the bravest in safe and free places. As long as they have the opportunity, they will produce the

"popcorn effect" that netizens jokingly call, and they will jump out to perform like monkeys. Behind this deformed culture is the perverted personality defect, the compensatory effect under extreme psychological pressure and the rebound of compensatory exaggerated behavior, etc. Of course, it is not uncommon for men to have a culture similar to aunts, but under the control of hormones, most abnormal behaviors will not appear in public.

The lack of the "May Fourth Spirit" has given birth to a wonderful country and society. Aunts can be strong all over the world, and uncles under the influence of authoritarian culture will not be idle. The phenomenon of forced buying and selling was very common in the coastal areas of China in the 1980s and 1990s. In that era, as long as night fell, women peddled clothes and other goods in front of them. As long as someone touched or even glanced at them, they had to pay to buy them. If you don't obey, the men hiding behind you will flock out, swear viciously, or punch each other. Passers-by had to obey and were forced to give money to eliminate the disaster. Forced buying and selling was finally strongly suppressed by the official. It was not until the word "prosperity" appeared that it slowly retreated from the ridiculous streets. After all, this phenomenon damaged the face of the heavenly dynasty. However, the cancer of this culture has expanded rapidly and quietly entered more social classes or deeper areas. So far, the ghost has not dissipated, and we will not show it for the time being.

Don't think that aunt culture has been around since ancient times or that it has been over-interpreted by the outside world. It reflects the moral corruption and chaos of values in the whole society. Under the totalitarian system, not many people are willing to understand the difference between the art of selling and cheating, and the aunt's culture is particularly prominent. The rotten end of the May Fourth "New Cultural Movement" and the subsequent long-term totalitarian rule quickly caused the collapse of the original moral system in the mainland after the

economic take-off. This process is worthy of deep reflection by the Chinese society. In the "prosperity" that claims to have risen from east to west, without the spirit of reflection and criticism, no matter how powerful the economy takes off, it will die with the wind, and the wealth created will be wasted, returning to the original starting point in the lament. Commemorating the "May Fourth" every year, in the regressive sound of sadness and joy, the tightening of blocking the Internet and mentioning the elimination of aliens is really a great irony of the modern "prosperous China"!

The trade war launched before the Great Plague was actually an institutional duel between free trade and authoritarian dictatorships. It was also the 100-year struggle of Chinese young people for freedom, and the outbreak of external conflicts at the regime level after failure. A free system is worthy of free trade. Due to the alienation or misunderstanding of many people's liberal spirit on May Fourth, of course, they cannot understand the principles of international trade in a free society. After Trump's return in 2025, the tariff trade war broke out again. It looked like a world melee. In the blink of an eye, it turned into a worldwide siege and restriction on trade with China, which confused many people.

There are many online articles in Jianzhong Media, but most of the analysis is not to the point, and flattery culture prevails. Tariff trade seems complex and changeable, but the bottom line is still the principle of freedom and equality. Think of the farce of aunts buying and selling on the street, and looking at the noise of shoe polishing in mainland online literature, you will not be surprised or surprised. It's just that aunt culture has now reached the national and institutional level, and it has been exported to the whole world. Don't you feel ashamed? No wonder the "Chinese aunts" on the cruise kept coaxing the buffet, which attracted the contempt of the world, but she still smiled and made a triumphant posture, continuing to st off the market.

The tariff war is still in dispute, and the proses of the epidemic in the United States has been traced. According to the hidden statistics, at least more than 7 million people have died directly in the world, and the number of indirect deaths is countless. Which country will take the initiative to give up to the public without losing money? A society without freedom is actually a big prison of human nature. In the environment of blocking the Internet and banning, with layers of code, coupled with armed suppression, all the truths of unfavorable rule are hidden or distorted. Of course, there is no exception to the great plague of the century caused by the creation and release of the virus. After the epidemic, the economy fell and the politics were in chaos. The tariffs of the outside world and the war of the virus, like the double arrows sealing the throat are on the way. Most people can see that the "hundred-year change" of socialism will indeed come as scheduled. The impact of the epidemic on personal freedom and the extreme zero-clearing policy have quietly returned the "May Fourth Spirit" that has been lost for many years. Especially the young generation who climbs over the wall to seek the free world, risking their lives to seek the truth of the plague. Many people go into the church to seek a way out of life.

What cannot be forgotten is that the "New Culture Movement" of May Fourth also contributed to the spread of Christianity in China. From the beginning, God's creation gave human individuals the right to choose freely and planted them in human genes. Under the control of God, life is equal, and no one can escape God's righteous judgment. These new ideas or trends, which are relative to tradition, have been strongly suppressed after 1949. After the reform and opening up, it has been revived, especially among the lost young people, it has gained many soul mates. It is obvious that the "Chinese study" or "kneeling" culture pollutes or adults some Chinese churches or Chinese Christians. Respecting God's will, or pursuing the goal of utilitarianism or power without a bottom line, and singing praises for those in power, is the life of countless Christians' religious choices and spiritual struggles. There is

never a shortage of fighters to defend the truth in history. Today's Chinese society should not be an exception, and young intellectuals are the first to bear the tring.

At the end of the epidemic at the end of 2022, the sudden "white paper revolution" of Chinese youth allowed the people to see the real recovery or return of the "May Fourth Spirit". The news of suppression and blocking can only be suppressed, but it can't help people's yearning and pursuit of freedom. Although the whereabouts of many white-paper youths from all over the world are still unknown, they have successfully forced the authorities to suddenly abandon the extreme zero-clearing policy. The party mother, who claimed to be a model in the fight against the epidemic, lost all the face of the dictator's powerful rule, and many lies were self-destructed.

Chinese young people are currently standing at the crossroads of history, returning to the true "May Fourth Spirit", or in the feudal culture and the Marco-Leninist-socialist sauce jar culture, continuing to be self-depresct, authoritarian and the power of the top, which determines the fate or future of the mainland and young people themselves. There is no shortcut. Only by fundamentally changing the cannibalistic system, thoroughly reflecting on and liquidating the corrupt feudal party culture, and embracing the common values of civilization of mankind, can there be hope for the future. Otherwise, generations of young people will sooner or later become aunts of special species. Life will have to turn back and forth in the kneeling and polishing shoes and the "popcorn effect", repeatedly repeating the sadness of a hundred years. May God bless China and restore this long-forgotten land.